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E.O. 11652: XGDS-2, 3
TAGS: ASEC, PINS, PA
SUBJECT: DEMONSTRATIONS AGAINST THE EMBASSY

REF: A. ASUNCION 2789
B. ASUNCION 2786
C. ASUNCION 2817
D. ASUNCION 2733
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1. ON 13 JULY 1978, A SECOND DEMONSTRATION WAS SUPPOSED TO

TAKE PLACE AGAINST ALLEGED U.S. INTERVENTION IN PARAGUAYAN
INTERNAL AFFAIRS BECAUSE OF THE U.S.'S HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY.

2. LOCAL PRESS SOURCES, THROUGH ICA, INFORMED THE EMBASSY
DURING THE AFTERNOON THAT MEMBERS OF THE OFFICIAL COLORADO PARTY
WERE MAKING PREPARATIONS FOR THE EVENT TO TAKE PLACE LATER IN
THE EVENING. ACCORDING TO PRESS SOURCES, THE GROUP WAS TO
BEGIN AT APPROXIMATELY

5:00 P.M. FROM THE COLORADO PARTY
STUDENT FEDERATION'S BUILDING NEAR THE U.S. CULTURAL CENTER
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AND MARCH TO A POINT ABOUT THREE BLOCKS FROM THE EMBASSY,
WHERE THE DEMONSTRATION WOULD TAKE PLACE.

3. THE POST FIRST VERIFIED THE INFORMATION THROUGH OBSERVA-
TION, AND LATER MONITORED THE GROUP. IN FACT, THE
RESIDENCE OF ONE DIPUTADO ZACARIAZ CUBILLAS, A SECTIONAL
LEADER TO THE COLORADO PARTY, WAS THE SITE OF PREPARATIONS,

WHERE AN UNUSUAL FLURRY OF ACTIVITY WAS IN PROGRESS. MANY CARS WITH SEVERAL PASSENGERS WERE ARRIVING AND DEPARTING FROM THE RESIDENCE LOCATED AT DIAGONAL AND MARISCAL ESTIGARRIBIA, ASUNCION. A NEARBY NEIGHBOR CONFIRMED THAT POSTERS WERE BEING PREPARED.

4. LATER, EARLY IN THE EVENING, A CROWD OF ABOUT TWO HUNDRED GATHERED AT THE STUDENT FEDERATION CENTER. AT THE ENGINEERING SCHOOL OF THE NATIONAL UNIVERSITY, ANOTHER EIGHTY OR SO PERSONS GATHERED. THE INTENT WAS TO LINK UP WITH THE CROWD AT THE CULTURAL CENTER AND THEN PROCEED TO THE DESIGNATED POINT FOR THE DEMONSTRATION AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE STREETS BRASILIA AND ESPANA THREE BLOCKS OR SO FROM THE EMBASSY.

5. AMBASSADOR WHITE INFORMED THE PARAGUAYAN FOREIGN MINISTRY BY TELEPHONE AND POINTED OUT THAT THE ONGOING ACTS WOULD ONLY WORK A DETERIORATING PROBLEM. AT APPROXIMATELY 7:30 P.M. THE CROWD BEGAN TO DISPERSE AND THE DEMONSTRATION NEVER GOT STARTED.

6. THE DEFUSING OF THE DEMONSTRATION IS ACCREDITED TO A CHANGE OF HEART BY THE PARAGUAYAN GOVERNMENT IN SUPPORTING AND ENCOURAGING SUCH DEMONSTRATIONS.
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